



Update

Dear Friends,

October 10, 2018

Since my election to the KPERS Board of Trustees I have a new disclaimer that I must include in these updates from now on: "The views expressed in this update represent my views and/or the views of the Coalition. They do not in any way represent the views of KPERS Board of Trustees nor do I speak for them." (Ernie Claudel)

TODAY'S MEETING

The October 10, 2018, KCPR meeting was held at the KNEA location. The next meeting will be November 14, 2018 (the second Wednesday as usual).

During this morning's meeting the following discussions/announcements took place:

- A. **REMEMBER TO VOTE**
- B. The upcoming elections and what the outcome could mean.
- C. The fall fundraiser request letters will be mailed within two weeks.
- D. We had a lengthy discussion regarding the COLA bill. You will recall that 2019 IS NOT a carry-over year. At this time there are no official COLA bills in the hopper so we are working on a new one. We are going to attempt to use a new approach, so this will take some time. We will hopefully have a better idea of what might be possible following the next meeting.

FURTHER EXPLANATION OF TODAY'S MEETING

1. We would ask that you once again consider contributing written comments to KCPR regarding your need for a COLA. Recent calculations indicate that **between 1973 and 1998, there have been 19 COLAs offered as well as 3 bonuses.** Additionally, a 13th check benefit increase was offered to those who retired prior to 1987. KCPR believes it is indeed time for a benefit increase!
2. With the assistance of various groups with similar interests, it may be possible to have an audio/visual recording of your personal needs for a COLA recorded and edited. The process would consist of an interview of questions you would be familiar with prior to the taping. Those edited interviews would be used in the same way as the letters (testimonials) would have been, but in today's world have greater utility, and it is believed in some ways be much easier because of the gender split. (Of the KPERS and KPERS School retired, 61% are female, while 39% are male. Of the beneficiaries, 84% are female, while 16% are male.) It would be safe to say we will definitely need some women for this project! If you are at all interested in being involved, please let me know. The taping would take place in November.

ON A PERSONAL NOTE

I try very hard to keep up with your address changes. If you have asked me to change your email, from work to home, or just changed providers, and I have not responded, please give me another chance. There is at least one former City of Hutchinson employee that I have lost the new address for that I know of. If there are others, please let me know.

Did I mention that you should be SURE TO VOTE???

FYI

November KCPR Meeting

Further discussions will be held regarding the KCPR Report to the Legislature, and further work on the COLA bill; and we should have an update on the results of the fundraiser mailing and the upcoming general election results by then.

Dates to Remember

The **KCPR Rally** in support of KPERS will be held, Monday, **February 4, 2019**, at 9:30 AM at the State Capitol in Topeka. (This date is Tentative but likely.)

Have a wonderful Weekend! Let me know if you have questions!!

- Remember to send me your updated email address...also if for any reason you should no longer wish to receive this update, let me know at the address listed at the end of this "update," and I will contact you and remove you from the official mailing lists.
- Just a reminder, that this email is an official report of the Kansas Coalition of Public Retirees. If I editorialize, I will indicate that fact.
- Remember that we want you to forward this to other retirees and the "working" who will benefit from this information.
- The KCPR website is www.ksretirees.org

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